

Prof. Avineri tipped as For. Min. director

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Professor Shlomo Avineri, the Hebrew University political scientist, is to become director-general of the Foreign Ministry — if the Cabinet approves his appointment on Sunday, Foreign Minister Yigal Alon decided on the appointment this week, it is learned.

The deputy director-general, Ephraim Evron, who was one of the aspirants for the job, will stay on at his post. Evron met with the Minister last night and pledged his cooperation with Avineri.

Avineri will take over at the Foreign Ministry from Avraham Kidron, who has been director-general for three years and will now become Ambassador to Holland.

Other names mentioned as possibilities for the post included the head of military intelligence, Aluf Shlomo Gazit, who reportedly declined the job, the former head of the Mossad, Aluf Zvi Zamir, who recently resigned as chairman of Solel Boneh, and Aviezer Chelouche the diplomat-turned-banker.

Avineri, 43, is currently Dean of the Social Science faculty of the Hebrew University and an authority on European political ideology. In the past he has made an impression on the public through his outspoken comments on the quality of

Israel's political leadership and his generally dovish position on Israel's relationships with its neighbors.

In a radio interview last December (which led to a Likud Knesset motion on the way the Broadcasting Authority runs its affairs) Avineri supported the idea of a "Palestinian entity." In 1974 he received a visa to the Soviet Union to deliver one of the central papers at the tenth international congress of the Hegel Association, which was held in Moscow.

Professor Avineri received widespread recognition for his study entitled "The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx" which was published by the Cambridge University Press in 1971.

Avineri's appointment has evoked conflicting parliamentary reactions. The Likud Knesset faction have put down an urgent item for the agenda condemning the appointment.

But Alignment MK Yossi Sarid has countered with an item of his own in support of Avineri. Sarid said he saw the appointment as a "refreshing change in the sterile landscape of government bureaucracy." He put down his item so that a supporting voice would be heard in the Knesset against the Likud's opposition to the appointment.

Scranton to succeed Moynihan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — William Scranton, former Governor of Pennsylvania, apparently will succeed Patrick Moynihan as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. President Ford met with Scranton at the White House on Monday and offered him the post.

Scranton first made his mark in the history of Israel-Arab relations when, at the end of a mission in the Middle East in 1968, he called for a more "even-handed" American policy towards Israel and the Arab countries. He was the first to use this term and was attacked for it by Jewish elements in the United States.

Scranton had been sent to the Middle East by Nixon on the eve of the presidential elections, with the task of keeping the candidate informed of the situation there and suggesting a future Middle East programme.

Just prior to the trip, Scranton had failed in his own bid for the presidential nomination.

Scranton, aged 53, also maintains ties with many groups outside of the Republican Party. He has been numbered among the President's close friends ever since serving with him in Congress, and in the past year has taken part in many informal consultations at the White House.

The main difference between him and Moynihan is that Scranton is not a fighter who will stand up for his own opinions. If his appointment is approved, he is likely to accept State Department directives without complaint.

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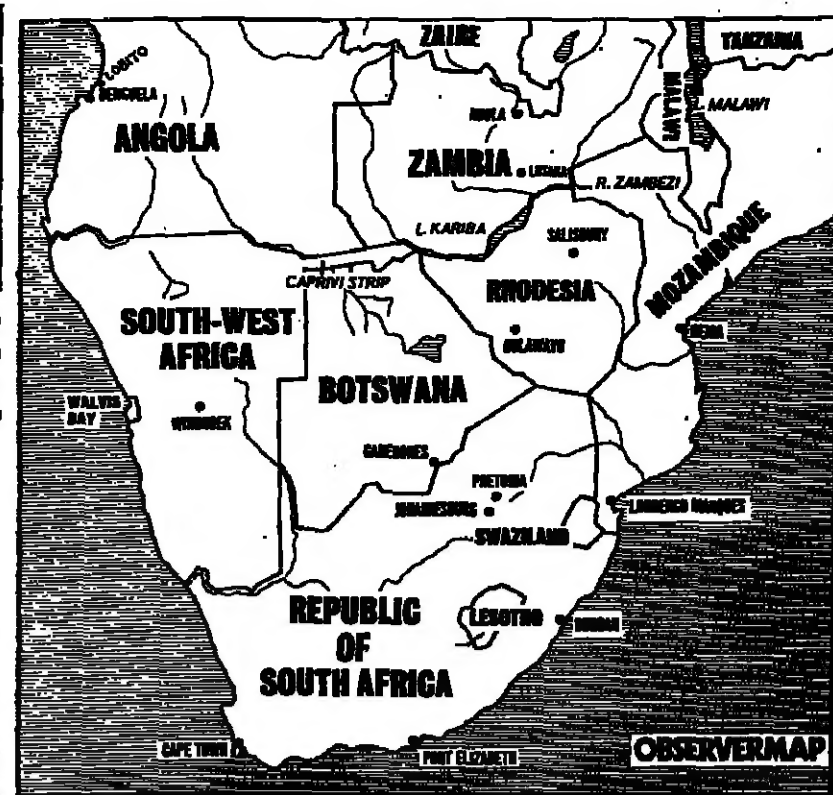
U.S. moves to crack down on 'overseas bribes'

WASHINGTON. — President Ford has condemned the payment of bribes overseas by U.S. firms and has begun a review of ways to punish them, possibly including the loss of Federal contracts.

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's bribery revelations have caused political crises in Japan and the Netherlands and have led the Ford Administration to shift from playing down corporate scandals to planning full investigation and punishment.

Lockheed is America's top defence contractor but is not alone among those allegedly making foreign payoffs. Of the main 20 defence contractors, 10 have been convicted or charged with, or admitted making questionable overseas payments.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen said on Tuesday that Ford called in ad-



Dayan warns: Must maintain arms ratio

By SKAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said yesterday that at though Israel had done a great deal in developing her own weapons between the 1967 and 1973 wars, she was unable to keep the pace with the development of modern arms or maintain peace-time production at a level sufficient to meet the needs of the battlefield. The U.S. was the only possible source for filling the gap.

Mr. Dayan was addressing the Great Galilee Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Quoting the Institute of Strategic Studies, Mr. Dayan pointed out that the number of tanks and planes in Israel's forces compared with the equipment in the armies of Britain, France and Germany. "Yet we are outnumbered one to three by the armies of our immediate enemies."

This ratio might be maintained, with some difficulty.

Mr. Dayan said he doubted reports that the Americans had depleted their stocks in the process of replacing Israeli 1973 war losses.

Mr. Dayan argued that the U.S. could not tell Israel to what lines it should withdraw because the Americans themselves admitted they did not want to be "the policemen of the world." If the U.S. would not defend the freedom of shipping beyond Sharm el-Sheikh, she was morally committed to allow Israel to decide where she could hope to make the best stand.

However, the U.S. was in a position to try to reduce the tension in the Middle East by using her influence with Egypt and Syria.

The goodwill of America was paramount for the defence of Israel, Mr. Dayan said. He believed this goodwill could be maintained if Israel's learnt to live according to their means. ("One can hardly expect an American worker to support an Israeli worker; there is no justification for it, nor is it honourable.") Moreover, the American people would respect a nation of Jews who had the pluck to fight for the land of their forefathers under any circumstances, and would accept no compromises on this issue.

"And I do not speak about the American Jews who do not want to come here, or the 300,000 Israelis who have left for America, but of the three million Jews living here."

Zim freighter in distress

HAIFA. — A tugboat was on its way at midnight yesterday to the relief of the Zim freighter m.s. Lilac, which suffered an engine breakdown on her way from Haifa to Ashdod to take on cargo.

Coastal police said the ship radioed for help when it was nine kilometres off Netanya. Despite the rough seas, the ship is not reported to be in danger and her 27-man crew is safe.

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Ex-imp. Bank loans \$72m. to Israel

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Export-Import Bank announced yesterday it has authorized three direct credits totalling \$72m. to Israel. The bank said the credits are to support sales of U.S. equipment and services totalling \$180m.

One credit of \$13.5m. to the Industrial Development Bank of Israel will support sales of American equipment, materials and related services totalling \$30m. to be used by Orlim Industries Limited for expansion of Orlim's refineries at Haifa and Ashdod and the construction of an ethylene plant at Haifa, the announcement said. It said this will help meet the growing demand for petroleum and petrochemical products. (AP)

Dollar slumps

LONDON. — The U.S. dollar slumped in hectic trading in foreign exchanges yesterday despite massive purchases by European state banks to slow the decline. The federal reserve system was reported selling West German marks for dollars in a bid to bolster the American currency.

The pound closed in London at \$2.0290, slightly above Tuesday's \$2.0280. In Frankfurt, the dollar closed at 2.5380 marks, down from 2.5525. In Paris, the dollar dropped from 4.47125 francs to 4.45 and in Zurich it was down from 2.5740 Swiss francs to 2.5550. (AP)

OAU recognizes Angola Marxists Pretoria troops dig in as MPLA moves south

The Marxist Popular Movement (MPLA) made fresh gains in both the northern and southern battlefields in Angola yesterday as the Organization of African Unity announced that it had decided to recognize the movement as the official government. And in Johannesburg, defence sources said that thousands of South African troops have dug in along a defensive line just inside Angola.

A telegram sent from OAU headquarters in Addis Ababa to the Popular Movement said that recognition had been granted by a simple majority of OAU member states.

The OAU decision was immediately condemned as illegal by Zaire's Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Nguzo Kagi I Bond. Mr. Nguzo, who is in Washington for a meeting with President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger, told Reuters that the OAU decision on recognition required the approval of at least two-thirds of the organization's 46 members.

Although the Cuban-led MPLA were advancing yesterday, there were conflicting reports about their progress. A spokesman for Unita denied that the MPLA had in fact captured the coastal cities of Lobito and Benguela, but admitted that it was probably only a short time before they would fall.

He said that Soviet ships were being used to bombard the cities. The MPLA attacks on Lobito and Benguela are part of an increasingly successful offensive intended to oust Unita forces from the population centres it still controls.

According to Unita the several thousand Cuban troops with the MPLA are trying to force their way to Silva Porto, the Unita headquarters city. He said that Unita forces were continuing to resist around Huambo, which had fallen to the MPLA.

The Johannesburg report says that the South African troops dug in along the line just inside Angola are prepared to halt the southward sweep of the Soviet-backed MPLA.

The troops, around the South African-financed Calueque Dam, 25 kilometres over the border, are well-armed, well-trained and well-entrenched, it is said. The force is believed to number 4,000 to 5,000.

But there was optimism in government circles in South Africa that a clash might never come. Observers said the government's latest assessment was based largely on the precedent set by Mozambique, where the Frelimo liberation move-

ment which took power from the Portuguese refrained from interfering with the giant Cabora Bassa hydro-electric scheme.

MPLA advances in the south have sparked the drift of refugees from among Unita's Ovimbundu tribal supporters toward the South-West Africa (Namibia) frontier. Government sources in Johannesburg said troops would prevent an influx of black refugees to South-West Africa.

The sources estimated that more than 11,000 Angolan refugees are already close to the frontier in camps, and are receiving emergency relief from South Africa. The republic has appealed to the UN for assistance to keep the relief centres going. So far the requests have gone unanswered.

As the MPLA advances Unita is reverting to guerrilla tactics to harass its enemies in the same way that it harassed the Portuguese for some seven years during the war for independence. Unita forces are reported planning to base themselves in the three southern towns of Moçimboa da Praia, the Atlantic, Sa Da Bandeira, and Serpa Pinto.

The Unita spokesman in Kinshasa said the movement's appeal for Western military aid is meeting no response. "We are still awaiting a reply from Washington, in particular, to what is happening," he said. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

All-women unit for S.A. Air Force

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Air Force announced yesterday it will form a commando squadron for women.

Lt-Gen. R.H. Rogers, chief of the Air Force, said in a statement that squadron 114 for women would form part of the existing commando squadron organization.

"The main difference, however, will be that all the air crew, including the commanding officer, will be female," he said.

The women will have to own their own aircraft or have the guaranteed use of one when required. The Air Force says it knows of only 15 women in South Africa who can now claim the requisite 150 hours' solo flying time.

The new squadron, Rogers said, will be mainly concerned with communication, flights and casualty evacuation. Members will be called up each year for six weeks' training. (AP)

Egypt demob report 'insignificant'

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent
Military sources said yesterday that Egypt's reduction of its regular army by 500,000 men in the past few months was not of great military significance because the demobilized men would remain in the reserves. The increasing intake of conscripts into the regular army,

which now number some 650,000 would soon cancel out the reduction, sources pointed out.

Most of the demobilized men were due for release two years ago but their service was extended. Defence Minister Shimon Peres had said last month that the reduction in the size of the standing army in Egypt raised peace hopes.

Parity for Lebanon Christians, Moslems

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent
Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami said last night that his government will announce over the weekend a package of political reforms giving Moslems full equality with Christians in the administration and Parliament.

Karami said that the distribution of the three posts will not be affected. He noted that the presidency will be retained by the Christian Maronites, the premiership by the Sunni Moslems and the chairmanship of the country's single-chamber Parliament by the Shi'a Moslems.

tered its fourth week this morning. The Syrians have yesterday reported to be maintaining close contact with the Lebanese authorities, with pledges to help them restore state sovereignty and law and order throughout the country.

The Syrians had earlier undertaken to guarantee the revival and implementation of the 1969 Cairo agreement with the aim of subjecting the Palestine Liberation Organization in Lebanon to state sovereignty as well as restricting the PLO's presence to certain areas, mainly the refugee camps and other defined bases.

The Syrians, who have boosted their own influence in Beirut, were now maintaining in Lebanon several scores "military observers" to oversee the peace being restored there mainly by Lebanese security forces and the Damascus-sponsored Palestine Liberation Army troops.

As Christians, paradoxically, appeared to be resigning themselves to the new reality of what is being described as the emergence of a "new republic," radical leftists indicated that they were opposed to a continued secular political system in Lebanon, under Syria's patronage.

Assad messages sent to Riyadh, Amman

DAMASCUS. — President Hafez Assad sent two of his top aides yesterday to Riyadh and Amman with messages to King Khalid of Saudi Arabia and King Hussein of Jordan.

The radio said Air Force Commander Maj-Gen. Naji Jamil left for Riyadh, carrying a message on "the situation in the Arab region, particularly the situation in Lebanon."

Maj-Gen. Hikmat Shehadi, chief of staff of the armed forces, left for Amman, carrying a similar message on the "Lebanon situation and matters of common interest to Syria and Jordan," the radio said. (UPI)

Cyprus talks to resume next week

UNITED NATIONS. — The UN announced yesterday that agreement had been reached to resume the inter-communal talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. The talks would resume under Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's personal auspices in Vienna next Tuesday. (AP, UPI)

Gershuni denies he wanted another PM

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Leading Labour MK Zvi Gershuni yesterday firmly denied reports claiming that he had suggested several months ago that Defence Minister Shimon Peres become Prime Minister.

Terming such reports as totally unfounded and an apparently deliberate attempt to mislead the public aimed at sowing dissension within the Labour Party, Gershuni said he never entertained a proposal to change the Prime Minister.

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Yesterday's:	Partly cloudy	Westerly by north
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Min-Max:	10-15	10-15
Jerusalem:	10-15	10-15
Golan:	10-15	10-15
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Qana:	10-15	10-15
Beer Sheva:	10-15	10-15
Eilat:	10-15	10-15
Tiran Straits:	10-15	10-15

Social and Personal

Swedish Ambassador Fritz Ivo Dolling called yesterday on Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

Haifa Mayor Yerubam Zeisel gave a reception yesterday for Nitzav-Mishne Haim Frenkel, deputy commander of the Haifa Police District, on the occasion of his promotion in rank.

The sponsors of the newly formed U.S. "National Committee for Middle East Studies in Secondary Education," led by Isaiah Robinson, president of the New York City Board of Education, visited the Netivim Youth Aliya school yesterday at the start of their week-long visit to Israel.

The Certified Public Accountants' Haifa branch has elected Hananya Ratkovsky, chairman; Pinna Marcus, deputy chairman and secretary; and Arye Sinai, treasurer.

Australian Ambassador Richard Smith will discuss current affairs in his country at today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, 1.15, at the ZOA House.

Mordechai Ben-Porat, MK, will discuss "The Rights of Jews from Arab Lands" at this Friday's Jerusalem Vocal Newspaper, 8.15 p.m. at Beit Ha'am. Other participants will be Yosef Kharman of the Jewish Agency Executive and journalist Yoel Rekem.

ARRIVALS

Eddy Laurijssen, secretary of the youth section in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, from Belgium, as a guest of the Hahadrot.

Danish minister coming
COPENHAGEN.—Danish Education Minister Ritt Bjerregaard will make a one-week visit to Israel, starting on Sunday. It was officially announced here yesterday.
It is a return visit to that paid to Denmark two years ago by then Minister of Education Tsigal Allon.

Israeli Boeing to Guatemala with relief supplies

JERUSALEM (Post Staff).—AN ISRAELI Boeing 707 cargo plane, loaded with 20 tons of relief supplies for earthquake victims, took off for Guatemala City (via the U.S.) yesterday morning.

The airliner, provided by the Israeli Aircraft Industries, carried tents, blankets, clothing and medical supplies donated by the Foreign and Defence Ministries, Kupat Holim and the Israel-Latin America Chamber of Commerce.

Also on their way to Guatemala are two of the Israel-made Arava planes which were recently purchased by Guatemala. IAI spokesman Elkanah Gali said yesterday that the two planes — especially suitable for the job because of their short-takeoff-and-landing ability — are carrying medical supplies for earthquake victims.

In a private humanitarian initiative, peace crusader Abie Nathan announced he will fly to New York today to buy about \$10,000 worth of relief supplies for Guatemala.

He said the money came from advertising revenues of the Voice of Peace radio station, operating from his ship. It had been designated by the ship for hospitals each month recently, but Guatemala refugees now need it more, he said. Nathan added he would establish a relief camp in Guatemala, to which contributions would be welcomed.
One substantial contribution for the earthquake victims was made by the Regional Council Sha'ar Hanegev, when it announced it was sending 20,000 packages of instant mashed potatoes to the victims.

At Canadian Zionist parley Peres: Israel 'not worried' about Syria's next move

JERUSALEM (Post Reporter).—Defence Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel is "not worried" about whether Syria will decide to renew the UNDOF mandate on the Golan, in accordance with the disengagement agreement with Israel.

"If Syria renews the mandate, it will be as a result of her own considerations. And if she decides against a renewal and chooses the path of military confrontation with Israel, she will find that the IDF is prepared and well-trained," asserted Peres. He was addressing the delegates to the fourth national Canadian Zionist Federation convention at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma.

On the eastern front, the Defence Minister noted that "most of the residents of Judea and Samaria are

loyal to Jordan's King Hussein," despite publicity that there is widespread support for the PLO. To the south, "the disengagement agreement with Egypt is being strictly observed," said Peres. "But one must remember that, in this accord, Israel was the donor — thus putting itself in some danger — and Egypt was the recipient."

Last night, at the official opening of the convention, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol told the 1,000 delegates (nearly 800 Canadians and the rest immigrants from Canada) that 1976 must be the year of mass Jewish pilgrimage to Israel.

Kol said that every Jewish organization in the Diaspora should bring its conventions and congresses to Israel as an answer to the anti-Zionist attack in the UN. The Canadian Zionist Federation is the first of its kind to hold its national convention here.

Also attending the opening were the President, Canadian Ambassador Edward Lee, Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Philip Givens, national president of the CZF.

After a long illness,

Prof. HANAN PAVELL

has passed away.
We mourn him very deeply.
The funeral will take place today, February 12, 1976, leaving at 3 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

Lily, wife
Danny and Edna Pavell,
son and daughter-in-law
Eyal and Shirley, grandchildren
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Magnus Adler families, Sweden

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Prof. YOHANAN AHARONI

and express condolences to his family,



Rain and fog made driving difficult yesterday on the road to Jerusalem. This car skidded off the road and into the drainage ditch just past Sha'ar Hagai. The weatherman last night said the rain was over, and temperatures will rise slightly today. (Yitzhak Elharar)

'Immigrants lack housing despite fewer arrivals'

TEL AVIV.—More than 7,000 immigrant families — mostly from the Soviet Union — have not yet received permanent housing, and it will take at least two years to solve their housing problem, according to Menahem Sherman, Director-General of the Absorption Ministry.

The reason for this, he said, was delays in implementing plans by the Housing Ministry. During 1975 alone there was a lag of 4,750 flats which were not delivered to the Absorption Ministry by the Housing Ministry, Sherman told reporters at Beit Sokolow.

The Housing Ministry was to deliver 12,500 flats for immigrants last year, but delivered only 7,750. Last month only 263 flats were turned over — a rate even smaller than last year's, Sherman said.

But worse than that — some 3,000 flats, turned over for occupancy by immigrants, had not yet been completed, and the immigrant families could not move into them. This causes bitterness among the immigrants, Sherman said.

During January, 1,526 immigrants entered the country — including 484 from the Soviet Union and 221 from the U.S. The total for 1975 was 20,028 immigrants. (Itim)

Court decision fails to resolve 'Ha'aretz' strike

TEL AVIV.—The strike at the morning newspaper "Ha'aretz" remained unresolved last night, despite a court decision ordering the printers back to work. The paper won't appear today, for the fifth day.

The original issue was the dismissal of a printing worker, but after the one-day stoppage beginning Sunday afternoon, the workers decided not to go overtime. Yesterday's court order ruled that they must.

According to Shlomo Kamal, chairman of the works committee, the employees are prepared to forgo Sunday's wages, but management should pay wages for the other days since it was responsible for the extension of the strike.

Amos Schocken, the managing director, said management was not prepared to pay.

SCIENTIST DISAPPEARS

TEL AVIV.—The police were trying yesterday to find a clue to the mysterious disappearance Tuesday of a research chemist employed by a Rehovot firm.

Dr. Rene Bloch, 40, of Savron, set out for work in his car Tuesday morning, after driving his daughters to school. But he never showed up at Research Products, Rehovot, where he is technical director. His family said he was not sick, nor did he have plans to travel anywhere.

Dr. Bloch, an immigrant from Switzerland, did research work in membranes and purification of waste fluids. (Itim)

Body found in bathtub

An 80-year-old man was found dead in his bathtub yesterday, in the Bukharan Quarter of Jerusalem. His body was discovered by police who came to the apartment on Rehov Yisa Bracha to investigate a reported break-in.

Investigators believe the thieves spotted the body and fled, without taking anything. The man is thought to have died about three weeks ago. Another person, Geoffrey Price Weine, 27, was found dead yesterday in his rented room on Rehov Rabbi Akiva in central Jerusalem. No marks were found on the body.

Acquaintances said he'd felt depressed lately because of heavy use of drugs. (Itim)

Poll finds support for early elections

JERUSALEM (Post Reporter).—A Dahaf public opinion poll this week shows slight support for advancing the date of the country's general elections. The research institute gave the following results: 45.8 per cent for early elections, 39 per cent opposed, and the rest undecided.

On other issues, the poll found 60 per cent do not share the sentiment of the Likud no-confidence motion in the Rabin government, and more than 53 per cent feel that Rabin's recent trip to Washington was a success.

Police are sure Barclay burglary was 'inside job'

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN.—Police are fairly convinced that the robbery of the safe deposit boxes at Barclay's Discount Bank here two weeks ago was planned with inside help.

A major clue, it was learned yesterday, was a card file containing the names of all the clients who rented safe deposit boxes, which the police found in the vault right after the burglary. (No explanation of this fact was available yesterday, but it is presumed that the police believe the proper place and "loophole" to the burglars as a guide to what boxes to open.

Police sources said that they are continuing to interrogate the bank's 25 employees.

On Tuesday, the 200 renters of the boxes agreed to put up \$1.1 million to meet the expenses of the five-member committee they elected to represent their claims against the bank, which they accuse of negligence in guarding the vault.

An attorney representing Barclay's Discount, Arye Haggin, told The Jerusalem Post that there were conflicting claims about the property found scattered on the vault floor. Valued in the millions, the items included stamps, stock certificates, gold coins and jewelry.

At the bank's request, the clients submitted itemized lists of the contents of their boxes.

Because of the difficulties in

Abergil says he was 'victimized'

Black Panther leader Reuven Abergil yesterday took the press to task for "accusing me of drug trafficking, extortion, stealing from the city and other charges," while his charge sheet only specified gambling, taking a bribe and threatening another member of the Black Panthers.

Abergil was arrested six weeks ago, along with his two brothers, on suspicion of terrorizing the Musrara quarter in Jerusalem, where they live. Their arrest came in the wake of disclosures made by Knesset Member Ehud Olmert.

Reuven has been released on \$120,000 bail, but his two brothers remain in police custody.

He called a press conference at Beit Agron yesterday, to say that he and his brothers were "victimized" by the press, as well as by the police and his political rivals.

He said he was still an executive member of the Black Panthers, and the group headed by Shalom Cohen was a "self-appointed fiction."

(Itim)

Textile industry 'in transition'

TEL AVIV.—Israel's textile industry is in transition between labor intensivity and a more advanced stage demanding a higher level of trained manpower. This is one of the reasons for the recurrent crises affecting some sectors of the industry.

This was one of the opinions heard at a press conference given by the Shenkar College of Fashion and Textile Technology at Beit Sokolow yesterday, to coincide with Fashion Week.

Participating in the press conference were the chairman of the college's Board of Governors, Dr. Alec Lerner; the president of the college, Dr. Nathan Brown; and Prof. Gad Allon, vice-president.

In answer to a journalist's question, a spokesman said that the Council for Higher Education has recognized the college as an institute of higher education, and it is hoped that in the near future the right to confer its own degrees will be granted. (At present graduates

of the college may receive a B.Sc. degree from New University).

The annual meeting of the Governors of the college will be held in conjunction with Fashion Week.

BRITISH PRAISE FASHION WEEK

JERUSALEM (Post Reporter).—"For the first time since the Fashion Weeks started, British buyers have found exciting and imaginative merchandise of high quality in more than just one or two lines," Ismar Glasman of Marks and Spencer said yesterday about the fashions being shown in the current Fashion Week at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

There are 220 buyers here from Britain. The American contingent is next with 150 buyers, followed by Canada with 80 German and Holland with 50 each, and France with 30 buyers.

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Israeli potato in big demand in Europe

By YITZHAK GOREN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Israeli potato is in big demand in Europe for a major shortage there.

An adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, who recently visited the "Green Week" exhibition in Berlin, came back with a request from Germany's Ministry of Agriculture to "please us as many potatoes as you

The sudden popularity of has frozen the plan of Agriculture Minister Aharon Ussan to go to Israel to eat more potatoes which are plentiful in wheat products, such as bread.

A large portion of the wheat grain is imported. Ussan also explained that the demand would have to be price of potatoes by raising and increasing the price of wheat.

Israeli celery is also in demand in European markets. According to the Israeli Agriculture Export Company, celery is best in Britain. Over 4,000 tons of celery have been exported so far, compared to 700 tons last year.

Agreco's general manager Shavit said that Spain — Israel's main competitor — suffering from bad weather has lowered the quality of its celery. Agreco is to sell 8,000 tons of celery at an ex-fab price of \$1.50 per ton.

Where have all the potatoes gone?

(Itim)

Judge won't order soldier's body exhumed

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MOSHE LEVY DOES IT AGAIN

Split in Seamen's Union over latest wildcat strike

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

FA — Moshe Levy, the recalcitrant union chief, today ordered a walkout on ship ships — renewing inter-union friction that threatens to break the Seamen's Union.

According to Zim, Levy gave no notice of the strike — a 7,500-ton container ship Lidac left Port, and on a 250,000-super-tanker in Eilat Port.

Following a stormy meeting of union's executive, at which Levy's colleagues opposed the strike, Levy partially relented and agreed to free the Lidac. But the strike was still struck as of last night.

Levy told The Jerusalem Post the issue on the Lidac was pay for the deckhands. Levy claims that Levy is demanding that the men be paid for work they do not do and which the captain did not need to be done.

Levy's colleagues on the tanker is Levy's demand that the captain be replaced by another member, "to spread the workload evenly." He explained the bonus earn \$1,300 a month as compared to \$800-\$900 earned by ordinary deckhands. The company should cooperate, Levy claimed, just as "it expects me to cooperate when they want something changed."

Zim spokesman El Shragal said the bonus was a permanent Zim employee who has given 12 years of satisfactory service on tanker ships. The tanker strike is costing Zim \$25,000 a day.

Levy's colleagues on the union executive, who head the engineers' and stewards' divisions, refused to call their men out on strike and did their best to dissuade Levy from his move. The issue appears to have brought long-standing differences to a head.

Shlomo Avitan, the stewards' chief, has already announced that he may resign. Both of Levy's colleagues are known to be dismayed over his frequent wildcat strike actions (the last one occurred last week), which they feel are discrediting the union and hurting Israeli merchant shipping in general.

Yesterday's strike was condemned by the Hatzadim and the Maritime Officers Union.



A bridge at Derech Hachalom and the extension of Rehov Kaplan, now being completed by Nativel (Sunphot)

Budget cuts impede progress on Ayalon highway project

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Nativel Ayalon director Yisrael Grant told reporters yesterday that there is no way of determining when the highway project along Nahal Ayalon can be completed.

The chief problem is financial, he said. On the one hand, spiraling inflation is making construction far costlier than estimated; on the other, the Government has fewer funds to allocate to the project.

During the 1976/77 fiscal year the company's total budget will only be IL30m. — which can in no way meet its needs and get the highway project underway.

Nativel Ayalon was set up in 1970 as a joint Transport Ministry (75 per cent) and Tel Aviv Municipality (25 per cent) venture. Its task was to construct a network of highways along the eastern end of Tel Aviv which would enable drivers to bypass the city and facilitate entry into town from the east.

So far IL315m. have been invested in the project, but the tangible results are mostly in the construction of overpasses, approach roads to the new bus terminal and new parking lots. Two new overpasses are to be completed this spring, one at the Caribachi-Derech Petah Tikva intersection and the other at Rehov Levin. Another overpass at the Derech Petah Tikva-Arlosorov junction is to be ready by May 1977.

Grant told the press that the approach roads to the new central bus terminal at Kikar Levinsky would be completed before the terminal is ready for operation. He stressed that the only work being carried on at present in connection to the terminal is the construction of the approaches.

Terminal construction has been at a standstill for the past few months, ever since one of the partners — Solel Boneh, which has a 15 per cent share in the terminal — pulled out its men and equipment. Solel Boneh took this step when its partners (the Pils concern and Egged) failed to grant it the financial guarantees it demanded.

The terminal was scheduled to be completed by the end of 1976. Now it is doubtful that the work could be finished by mid-1977, even if it were immediately resumed.

Raphael replies to criticism in Knesset: 500 converted to Judaism in past year

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Five hundred non-Jews have converted to Judaism in this country in the past year, Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin said today in the Knesset, replying to a motion by the agenda by Rabbi Menachem Schneer, which was voted to the floor.

He minister said that a new course to study Judaism has been set up at Kibbutz Sadeh, a three-month course at the Jerusalem Yeshiva, he said. Dozens of candidates had already registered for the course.

Rabin admitted that religious in Israel did not follow standard procedures for conversions, chief Rabbi Shimon Peretz had authorized religious court judges, or anin, to cut short the customary time at their discretion in special cases, such as mixed marriages, he said.

He minister said he favoured a national conversion course, but this would require a legal amendment to the law. The national court would be effective, he believed, because it would control the handling of applications in all over the country; it would down standard procedures; in addition, it would make the process less onerous for applicants for conversion.

Rabbi Hachoen said in his motion that would be converts have to undergo a more laborious, distressing, tortuous and sometimes intimidating experience than any likely to be encountered in Israel.

The rabbi cited cases in which the religious courts had displayed obduracy, indifference and a total lack of human understanding towards converts who had experienced personal tragedies.

He charged that over 100 would-be converts who had successfully completed upon studies had still not been converted, because the courts were dragging their heels. He charged that such treatment would drive people away from the country.

Hachoen praised the special conversion court set up in Tel Aviv, which had converted 500 people in two years — while all the other courts together had converted less than 50.

Hachoen said the time had long since come to put an end to the frustration and chaos which prevails in the sphere of conversions.

The Aguda's Shlomo Gross wanted the motion struck off the agenda, the argument that there was nothing at all to improve in the current conversion procedures. "We want no conversion factories here," Gross said.

MK would link unpaid debts

DEBT DEFAULTERS would be ordered by the court to repay their debts at a rate 5 per cent above the Cost-of-Living Index, in an amendment to the Interest Charge Law by Meir Nisim (Likud), voted yesterday to committee on the preliminary reading. Nisim explained that, since the courts at present may not fix more than 22 per cent interest for debts, it often pays debtors to invest the capital they borrow at double the interest, and wait till the court compels them to repay at the maximum 22 per cent.

32,000 COMPLAINTS were filed with the police in 1975, concerning thefts of vehicles and thefts of the contents or parts of vehicles, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told Shmuel Tamir yesterday, at question time.

PAVEMENT PARKING for 80 cars in Tel Aviv will be permitted for a short period and on an experimental basis only, Transport Minister Gad Yassobi told Rabbi Yehuda Abramovitz (Aguda) yesterday, replying to the rabbi's private bill seeking to prohibit such parking. It was voted to committee.

CAR RADIO licences will be collected by the Vehicle Licensing Bureau only if the Broadcasting Authority makes the extra costs in money and manpower, Transport Minister Gad Yassobi said yesterday, replying to a private bill by Yitzhak Golan (ILP), Abraham Malamed (NRP), Yehzekel Plimlin (Likud) and David Coren (Alignment).

T.A. UNIVERSITY eliminated 360 staff posts this year: 280 faculty and 80 administrative and auxiliary, Education Minister Aharon Yashin told Ora Namir (Alignment) at question time yesterday.

T.A. Maccabi favoured to top Federale Lugano

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi basketballers tonight play their return game against Federale Lugano in the quarter-final group of the European Cup for Champions.

Maccabi has to close a 1-point gap because of their 82-83 defeat in the Swiss resort town last week, and are strongly favoured to score a comfortable win at the Yad Eliyahu Stadium. The man they will have to watch is Lugano's Mexican star, Manuel "The Cat" Raga, who is no stranger to Tel Aviv and who delighted fans here with a great performance for Ignis Varese several years ago.

Maccabi will then head for the big one with next Wednesday's home game against Italian champions Forst-Cantu. A win in the double meet against the Italians would place Tel Aviv Maccabi in the European Cup semi-finals. Forst-Cantu are favourites, but pundits do not put it beyond Maccabi to spring a surprise.

Meanwhile, Tel Aviv Hapoel bowed out of the Korac Cup with a highly creditable performance in Spain Tuesday night, losing to Barcelona 84-87 after trailing 40-49 at half-time. Leibowitz shone in this game, although he only scored 12 points. Top scorers were Torenstein and Pite, who got 16 points each.

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Private eyes sued for IL 1m.

TEL AVIV. — Gideon Maor, a local lawyer, has filed a IL1m. suit against private investigators Mod'In Ezrahi and another attorney for writing a report saying Maor chases women and cannot be trusted with money.

After being named to the board of the Trisoli shutter works, Ramat Hasharon, Maor found out that the firm's legal adviser, Yosef Moskova, had hired Mod'In Ezrahi to check on Maor's character prior to his appointment. Upon request Moskova showed Maor the report.

The defendants claim the report did not libel Maor because it was unpublished. The sections he cited in his suit before the District Court, they added, were taken out of context. He had missed the report's points in his favour, they said: the proof is that he was named to the board.

Court prefers adoption for son of neglectful parents

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a lower court's decision to allow a child whose parents had severely neglected him to be put up for adoption — against the will of the natural parents.

The court turned down the appeal of a Ramat Maishach couple against an earlier decision of the Jerusalem District to allow their youngest son to be put up for adoption by the WIZO Baby Home in the Capital, where the boy had lived from the age of eight months until he was six years old.

During the first eight months of his life, the boy — youngest of six children — was hospitalized five times because of malnutrition and general neglect. Doctors dealing with his case referred him to the WIZO Baby Home in Jerusalem, with the mother's consent.

There he made a full physical recovery but his emotional condition caused concern. It was felt that he needed affection, and arrangements were made to place him with adoptive parents. The adoption took place at the beginning of 1973, and the child, then six years old, made rapid progress.

The natural parents, while refusing to have the child live with them at home, took legal steps to prevent the adoption. The Jerusalem District Court turned down their application.

It was this ruling that the Supreme Court upheld yesterday when it rejected the parents' appeal. Thus the child stays with his adoptive parents.

It emerged at the hearing that the child's natural father drinks heavily and is seldom at home. The mother is severely maladjusted. The other children of the marriage have also come under the security and care of social workers. But when a juvenile court agreed to local welfare workers' request that two of the children be removed from the mother, "political pressure" prevented the decision from being implemented.

On one occasion all the children were hospitalized after eating rat poison and a few days later three of them were readmitted after swallowing another poison. Once, when the eldest son, aged 10 at the time, asked his mother for money to go to the cinema, she responded by pouring kerosene over him and setting him alight.

Social workers found that the children had never seen basic household items such as sheets and pyjamas.

Considerable improvement in Israel-Mexico relations

Bilateral relations between Israel and Mexico have considerably improved since the incident over Mexico's votes hostile to Zionism was satisfactorily cleared up. The improvement covers economic, cultural, scientific and technical cooperation terms. Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said at question time in the Knesset yesterday, replying to Yomo Gross (Aguda) and Pinhas Ben-Zur (NRP).

Allon admitted in reply to a supplementary question by Gross that his ministry, at the time had not moved fast enough, through the media, to explain the understanding reached with Mexico about its voting pattern.

Allon admitted to Shmuel Tamir that Defence Minister Shimon Peretz had not told him about his meeting last October with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger until after Feres had returned to Israel. Allon said he learned about the Peres-Kissinger meetings from the newspapers. He was not annoyed at the meetings, Allon declared. Israel's Washington embassy was not involved in arranging them because it had not been asked to do so.

The minister told Avraham Werdiger (Aguda) that Israeli cargoes now pass through the Suez Canal as a matter of routine, and the fixing of schedules no longer requires coordination with the U.S. or any other third party, as was the case at the beginning.

In other replies, the minister told Eliezer Avtavi (NRP) that Israel had protested to France about allowing the PLO to open an office in Paris. He told Hillel Seidel (ILP) of his disgust at the Polish Government's refusal to preserve the last vestige of the Warsaw Ghetto wall as a monument to Polish Jewry and the heroic ghetto fighters.

Government bearing down hard on corruption—Zadok

"The Government has always investigated cases of corruption without fear or favour. It has checked administrative procedures continuously to eliminate loopholes. It has laid down clear norms of behaviour for public servants."

Justice Minister Haim Zadok made these claims in the Knesset yesterday, replying to two motions for the agenda about the corruption problem, which were voted to committee.

The minister said every country suffers from corruption. The important thing is what the authorities do to tackle the evil when it comes to light.

In a policy of demanding ever-stiffer punishment, Zadok said, 24 appeals to the Supreme Court by the prosecution had resulted in heavier penalties in 21 cases last year.

Ari Ankorian (Alignment) said the police must get wider powers to counter the evil. Legal procedures must be amended to give the prosecution an edge over the criminal, he said.

Yitzhak Shamir (Likud) said the present government was powerless to lead the fight against corruption, since it itself was responsible for creating the conditions which made corruption possible.

SOCCER PREVIEW

Central game to be played in J'lem

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — For the second week in succession Jerusalem football fans will be treated to the match of the day this Saturday, when Jerusalem Betar entertains Tel Aviv Maccabi at the YMCA stadium in 18 games. The Jaffa side has conceded only 14 goals and Barad, Eliahu, Numa and Avitan will not find it easy to get goals.

In Haifa, a large turnout can be expected for the city's derby. Although Haifa Hapoel are in 3rd spot and Haifa Maccabi in 16th place, it is Maccabi which have been playing the better football in recent weeks. Hapoel have match-winners in Leventhal and Engender, but I fancy Schwager and Gershogren will keep a close tab on them. Maccabi's big problem is getting goals and with only 14 scored in 18 games this match too does not promise a glut of goals. A traditional derby draw may well be the result.

Jerusalem Hapoel return to the Bloomfield stadium in Jaffa to play Tel Aviv Hapoel. The Jerusalemites have had their ups and downs recently. With the return of Eli Ben Rimov to the attack after a more than three months absence, Jerusalem fans will be hoping that he hits top form soon. At their best, Jerusalem Hapoel would win this game, their forwards having scored 24 goals compared to the 13 scored by the Tel Aviv strikers.

The best attack in the National League, that of Netanya Maccabi (33 goals), plays against Tel Aviv Betar. The trouble with Spiegler, Lavie, Machness and Co. is that they unpack their shooting boots only at home. Only Ramat Amidar Maccabi have scored fewer goals than Tel Aviv Betar (12) this season, and at that pace it would require only a glimpse of the home form of Netanya Maccabi to win the visitors both points this Saturday.

Pro-PLO protest over Temple Mount

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Close to 300 East Jerusalem youths demonstrated in the alleys of the Old City yesterday when Moslem Waqf (religious trust) officials refused to let them onto the Temple Mount. Twenty-two were arrested in clashes with police.

The youths were protesting a Magistrate's Court ruling last month that Jews had the right to pray on the Temple Mount.

Youths from four schools, including one from Silwan, were involved in yesterday's demonstration, the fourth since Saturday. When they were refused entry to the Temple Mount at 8.30, they began running through the walled city calling on Arab store-owners to close their shops. Those who declined were stoned, police said.

Almost all shops did close, but they opened later in the day. A Jewish-owned book store at the edge of the Moslem Quarter was also stoned, but there was no report of damage.

Two policemen were slightly injured in clashes with the demonstrators.

The demonstration ended at 12.30 p.m., when 50 of the youths were permitted by the Waqf to enter the Temple Mount for noon prayers.

Of the 22 arrested yesterday, six were released after questioning — five girls and a 13-year-old boy. The remainder, suspected of incitement or physical violence, are boys ranging in age from 14 to 18.

Thirty-six youths were arrested in earlier demonstrations.

The youths who have been involved in the demonstrations are believed to have been incited by supporters of the terrorist Palestine Liberation Organization — which has been making desperate efforts to stir up unrest since its recent political failures.

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Families of underground fallen to get benefits

Survivors of those who fell fighting in the ranks of the underground groups prior to the State's establishment in 1948 will be legally entitled to benefits paid by the Defence Ministry to bereaved families.

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Notice to Examination Candidates

EXAMINATION FEES

The following examination fees will be in force from April 1, 1976:

a. Examinations for external candidates	IL45
Opening of file for external candidate	IL15
Preliminary examination	IL15
Protecting results of preliminary examination	IL30
Preliminary examination taken abroad	IL30
Bagrut examination, all types	IL30
Protecting results of bagrut examination	IL30
Bagrut examination taken abroad	IL60
Additional copy of results	IL15
Additional copy of certificate	IL15

Registration fees for external examinations in the summer 1976 session (June/July) will be in accordance with the above new tariff.

External candidates who wish to take examinations and who have computer-printed payment vouchers on which appears the old tariff will also have to pay, when registering, the difference between the old and new tariff rates.

Payment will be made as follows:

1. Against the computer-printed voucher in the candidate's possession.
2. Against a voucher available at all post offices, to be completed by hand giving all details "given in the computer-printed form, and adding the difference between the fee as given in the computer-printed voucher and that given in the new tariff.
3. The hand-completed voucher should be attached to the computer-printed voucher.

Examination candidates are asked to comply carefully and in full with these instructions.

Candidates who do not comply with the instructions will not be able to take the examinations.

- a. "Mihum" examinations taken by unqualified school and kindergarten teachers

"Mihum" examination	IL30
Protecting results of "Mihum" examination	IL30
Teacher's certificate form	IL 5

- c. Examinations taken by students at post-primary schools and teacher and kindergarten-teacher training colleges (internal candidates)

New tariffs are given in circulars sent to the schools and colleges.

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Haifa, February 1, 1976

JACOB FRANKEL,
Advocate

CAMBERLEY, England. — The mercenary recruiting centre over a laundrette in this sedate country town 60 kms. southwest of London has closed shop.

The red door with the tiny spy hole remains closed. The white net curtains are drawn. The phone is off the hook. Neighbouring shops no longer are troubled by muscular, broad-shouldered men seeking apartment 366B Yorktown Road as a first step to the Angolan civil war and \$300 a week.

Following a split in its ranks and a welter of accusations and counter-accusations, Security Advisory Services doesn't live there any more.

But recruiter John Banks said his former partner, Les Aspin, still plans to send 200 more British mercenaries later this week.

"But I'm not sending any more until I know the pay is definite and I also know the conditions at the

Mercenary centre out of business

front," said Banks, 33 an ex-paratrooper.

Security Advisory Services has run into heavy weather. It was formed last July to hire out heavyweights to deal with rowdies at local hotels and discotheques. It rapidly blossomed into the murky international world of mercenary recruiting, big power politics and big money.

Aspin, who claims to be a one-time British Secret Service agent, was its managing director in charge of pay and administration. Banks and former commando Frank Parren were recruiters.

The first main batch of about 100 mercenaries left London for Angola last month to fight for the Western National Front for the Liberation of Angola.

Then things started to go wrong. There has been criticism from Prime Minister Harold Wilson's government. Wilson this week called the recruiters "a small group of small-time crooks" and announced a government commission to investigate the recruitment. The government also has started dusting off the obscure 1870 Foreign Enlistment Act to see if it can stop the mercenaries leaving.

The mercenaries also have had a bad press. The mass circulation "Daily Mirror" dubbed them "the force force."

There also have been reports of the execution of 14 mercenaries in Angola by their own colleagues when they said they wanted to come home.

In addition, there have been re-

ports of casualties among the mercenaries. Fifty of them returned to Britain on Tuesday apparently after fleeing from their FNLA command. And there were complications when another batch of 150 failed to get off the ground to fly to Angola as well as a row between Banks and Aspin.

Banks, who returned from Angola 11 days ago, alleges most of the mercenaries have not been paid and Aspin is to blame. Aspin denies the allegations, saying there has been no misappropriation of money on his part "and certainly not on behalf of the FNLA acting in Britain."

A key question remains — where has the money been coming from? Aspin tells newsmen the FNLA. Some newspapers and SAS spokes-

man John Best say from American sources, involving the Central Intelligence Agency and the American Embassy in London. Banks says from a man in the northern part of Leeds called Don Bakford.

Meanwhile, Scotland Yard detectives yesterday continued questioning most of the mercenaries who were turned from Angola about the reported massacre. A police spokesman said those still detained were likely to be charged with any offence.

Other British mercenaries told newsmen that a Greek Cypriot identified as Costas Georgiou, known as "Col. Callan," ordered "executions."

FNLA sources in London said they had been in touch with Kibumba by telephone, reporting that Callan was shot dead by fellow mercenaries after the alleged massacre. (AP Wire)

M-60 tanks part of
U.S.-Saudi arms sale

WASHINGTON. — M-60 tanks are included in a \$1.2b package of modern arms that the U.S. has agreed to sell Saudi Arabia, administration sources disclosed on Tuesday. The M-60s will be the first American tanks ever sold to Saudi Arabia, it was reported.

The projected massive arms deal with the Saudis was not disclosed to Israel Premier Yitzhak Rabin in his talks with President Gerald Ford and other top administration officials here last month, sources said. They added that notification to Congress was deliberately delayed until after Rabin's visit. Rabin was informed of the projected sale of six C-130 military transports to Egypt.

Administration sources indicated that the sale will include television.

guided air-to-ground missiles of the same type supplied to Israel and armoured personnel carriers as well as the M-48s. The U.S. is also planning to sell the Saudis "Dragon" shoulder-held anti-tank missiles and "maverick" air-to-ground missiles, sources reported.

Then \$1.2b. package includes \$900m. in construction contracts, among them tenders for work on a Saudi naval facility to be managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Saudis were reportedly interested in buying the new U.S. F-15 fighter planes but no such proposed sale is expected to be included.

The package will be officially submitted to Congress next week. All arms sales to Saudi Arabia are for cash. (JTA)

(Arabs threaten, page 7)

U.S. firms said worried
over defying Arabs

BOSTON. — A report in the "Christian Science Monitor" said yesterday that American firms are concerned that government curbs on trade with Arab countries that boycott Israel "will have a potentially devastating impact on U.S. foreign trade."

George Moneyhun said that "some 100 of the largest U.S. corporations annually carry on some \$8.5 billion in trade with the 20 oil-rich countries in the Arab League." He quoted one businessman with ties to Arab countries as saying: "Let's face it, the Saudi Arabians are not about to let us tell them what to do about their law. We'll lose their trade... it could be terribly expensive for the U.S. to completely outlaw compliance with the boycott."

Another executive was reported as saying that an Arab boycott off-

icial told him: "We're prepared to boycott all of the U.S. if necessary. We do not need you. We can get what we need from Germany, Japan and other countries just as easily."

Moneyhun reported a spokesman for the American Jewish Committee as saying that "the Arabs are just testing the U.S. and will back down." The spokesman contended that the Arabs needed many crucial supplies from the U.S. that they could not get anywhere else.

The writer noted that since many of the U.S. firms trading with Arab countries have headquarters in New York, that state's new anti-discrimination law has drawn particular attention. "So far no firms have left New York.... But knowledgeable sources say several are considering moving out if the law is vigorously enforced." (JTA)

Eran renews U.S. contacts

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — Amos Eran, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, has remained in Washington this week meeting with senators, representatives and their aides explaining Israel's foreign aid requests, now before the Congress.

Eran, who came to the U.S. with Prime Minister Rabin late last month, is now scheduled to return to Israel over the weekend.

A former political counsellor in the Embassy here, Eran has numerous friends on Capitol Hill and has been re-establishing contacts

over the past few days explaining Israel's economic and military needs. The Congress is currently considering the Administration's proposed foreign aid bill for the fiscal year 1976. That bill includes some \$2.24 billion for Israel, more than one half of the total package.

During his meetings here, Eran has been attempting to win support for continued U.S. aid to Israel during the three-month "transitional quarter," from July 1 to September 30. Israel would like to receive aid during this period at the same rate provided during the 1976 fiscal year.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that the Ford Administration has given its approval to Israel permitting \$150m. of the pending programme to be spent in Israel for the construction of a new Sinai defence line. The balance of the package must be spent in the United States.

World economic
parley in Paris

PARIS. — Industrialized and developing nations yesterday launched negotiations aimed at establishing a new world economic partnership. Diplomats attending the opening of the unprecedented parley — called the Conference on International Economic Cooperation — said the atmosphere was friendly and businesslike.

The negotiations are handled by representatives of 19 oil-producing and developing nations and delegates of seven major industrialized nations plus one representative for the nine-nation European Community.

The energy and development commissions will be meeting in the mornings with the financial and raw material sessions in the afternoons. The negotiations may last a year or more. (UPI)

West German Horst Fresse tumbles over a snow bank after slipping on the ice ring during the 500-metre men's speed-skating events at the Innsbruck Olympics yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

Smiling star takes her
second Olympic 'gold'

INNSBRUCK. — Rosi Mittermaier, West Germany's smiling skating star, won the women's slalom yesterday and her second gold medal of the 12th Winter Olympic Games.

She had previously won the downhill. Next she will go for the giant slalom tomorrow and try to make a clean sweep of the alpine races. No woman skier has ever done that in Olympic history, but two men have — Toni Sailer of Austria in 1956 and Jean-Claude Killy of France in 1968.

Russia's Tatiana Averina, has won two golds and two bronzes in the present games.

Scandinavians had a good day as snow fell on the mountains around Innsbruck for the first time in these games.

The Soviet Union lost its Olympic cross-country relay crown to Finland yesterday in an accident-prone Nordic ski race, and Norway won its first gold of the games in the 5,000 metres speed-skating.

The favoured Russian skiers, leading at the outset of the 4 x 10 km relay, had to settle for a bronze medal after their lead-off man lost the toe of his racing shoe and had to finish in a substitute pair three sizes too small.

Norway won the silver medal.

The favoured Russians, fielding four men who have already won individual medals, lost the initiative when Evgeni Belyaev's ski boot almost came off and he dropped to 11th place after holding a 20-second lead.

Then East Germany challenged for the lead on the second leg — until Axel Lesser crashed into a woman spectator who had strayed on to the track. A knee injury meant Lesser could not continue, so East Germany was out of the event. They expressed their dissatisfaction to the race committee, but decided not to lodge a formal protest.

Sten Stensen, a 28-year-old officer in the Norwegian army, won the first gold medal of the games for his country by skating the 5,000 metres in 7:24.48. The Netherlands got on to the medals list for the first time as two Dutchmen followed Stensen home — Piet Kleins second in 7:26.47 and Hans Van Helden third in 7:28.54.

The Soviet Union still led the medals count with 10 golds, four silvers and seven bronzes. East Germany was second place with 6-4-3 score, followed by West Germany, 2-4-1, Finland, 2-2-1 and the U.S., 1-3-4. (AP)

Vatican rejects
anti-Zionism

VATICAN CITY. — The Vatican yesterday formally reaffirmed rejection of a condemnation of Zionism contained in a final declaration by the Christian-Muslim conference held in Tripoli, Libya, last week.

In an announcement, the Vatican said it also rejected another point in the declaration regarding the rights of the Palestinian people to a call for an Arab Jerusalem.

The two points were said to have been added at the last moment to a final communiqué issued by the conference.

The announcement said that the "competent Vatican authorities" examined the two points of the declaration, "the Holy See declared it cannot accept such points because its content does not correspond substantially to the well-known Vatican position." AP Wire

A 12-member delegation from the Vatican headed by Sergio Cordero Fignodoli attended the five-day of games sponsored by Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The Post's Diplomatic Correspondent writes that Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon called in the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Wilfrid Acquie, C.S.B., on Monday in connection with the Tripoli communiqué. Israel's Ambassador in Rome, Moshe Sasson, was asked to represent Israel at the Vatican.

Screens to block
Soviet 'waves'

MOSCOW. — Workmen have begun installing wire mesh screens on windows of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, apparently to shield American diplomats and their families from possibly harmful microwave radiation directed at the building by Soviet secret police carrying out bug operations.

Despite sub-zero (Fahrenheit) temperatures, workmen in rainy days have been installing the double-glazed windows and nine-story building, to shield the mesh on the outside, diplomats said. Visitors said the screen appeared to be of the standard variety houses to keep out insects in summer. Presumably the screen would deflect or at least limit waves beamed at them.

There was no official comment on the purpose of the screens, but the appearance coincided with reports that the building was being subjected to microwave radiation from Soviet intelligence, who were using the waves to listen to conversations in the Embassy, to activate hidden listening devices or perhaps to cut off American debugging equipment.

Ambassador Walter Stoessel, and his staff have refused to comment on the reports. (UPI)

SLA couple deny Patty was raped

SAN FRANCISCO. — Patricia Hearst's testimony that her kidnappers forced her into a bank robbery came under attack on Tuesday.

In the same courtroom where Miss Hearst on Monday said that she was sexually assaulted and threatened with death by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, a young man testified that she told him she was a willing participant in the bank robbery with which she is charged.

At about the same time, William and Emily Harris, two SLA members, denied in Los Angeles every major portion of Miss Hearst's testimony, which was made at a special hearing in San Francisco Federal Court, with the jury excluded from the room.

The Harris, who have been indicted with Miss Hearst on a variety of state charges in Los Angeles, denied her statements in a tape recording that was released during a noon recess of their pre-trial hearing. They said Miss Hearst lied when she said she was sexually assaulted and beaten by members of the SLA, and they insisted she

was the author of statements she made announcing her decision to join her terrorist kidnappers.

"She was never harmed in any way," said Mrs. Harris. "She was never forced to do anything against her will after she had joined the SLA."

The statements by the Harris said Miss Hearst had total freedom to do whatever she wanted to do, even if that was to return to her family.

The Harris, who were arrested in San Francisco last September at the same time Miss Hearst was

seized at another address, said "She was never sexually assaulted. This is totally absurd."

When he was informed of the statements by the Harris, F. J. Bailey, chief attorney for Miss Hearst, said, "I could bury the lies all the way, but I'm not going to do so now."

The court in San Francisco has Thomas Matthews, 29, now a college student, testify for the prosecution that she told him she voluntarily took part in the bank robbery and also showed him a cyanide pill from her gun.

Israel's 'virtuous' critics

GENEVA. — Arabs are enjoying unprecedented economic and social progress, in the administered territories, Israel's representative to the UN commission on human rights said yesterday. Attacks on Israel policies in the territories lack all factual foundation and constitute moral and political slander, he said.

"The states in which human rights are violated and raped as a matter of course are allowed to come forward in the shining armour of virtue as representatives of international morality to accuse my country," Israel Ambassador Rytan Ronn told the commission.

"This is the characteristic and unmistakable double standard practised in the UN," Ronn said.

Ronn made these main points:

• "Every single aspect" of Israel's activities is based on the rule of law, with defendants entitled to legal representation and trials held in open court.

• Though the death penalty under local law there has been one single case of execution since Israel administration was established.

• The economy of the territories is growing rapidly with a gross national product reaching annual average increase of 18 per cent against eight per cent in Israel before 1967.

• Private consumption is growing 11 per cent yearly, unemployment has been eliminated and wages have increased.

• Of the 16,000 public sector employees in the territories only some 500 are Israelis who provide expertise to local residents.

• The number of "administrative detainees" has fallen from 1,000 higher figures to less than 100 while the number of deported persons is less than 100 since 1967.

Colonel slain in Argentina

BUEENOS AIRES. — Leftist guerrillas on Monday assassinated the army colonel in charge of anti-subversive operations and air defence in the city of Mar del Plata, the unofficial summer capital on the sea 385 kms. south of here.

Police said that members of an extremist group ambushed Col. Rafael R. Reyes in the centre of the city. Two soldiers with him were wounded, officers said.

labour leaders were reported as breaking point in their relations with President Carlos Menem, dissident legislators privately discussing a special session to attempt to declare her unfit for office.

Police in Mar del Plata said they left his apartment building and were being driven along the route he was every morning. At a stop, another car drew even, and a man opened fire from the car. The same time, police said, he sprayed the car with bullets. The terrorist attack came as a pick-up truck.



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مركز من الأعمال

AS UNISEX MARCHED on upstairs at the fashion show-rooms at the Tel Aviv Hilton, Member of Knesset Ora Namir, spoke of the "regression" of Israeli women to a group of foreign journalists down stairs in the mezzanine room. The event was a breakfast meeting between Mrs. Namir and journalists, who had come to cover the Fashion Week and, in passing, to learn about family problems here.

If the situation is compared with how things once were here, or were supposed to be, the founding mothers' daughters and granddaughters have retreated to traditional roles, with the flight to emigration especially marked in kibbutzim.

"Why?" asked a visitor. "It's so contrary to what is going on in Europe!"

The reasons, Mrs. Namir thought, lie partly in our "constant wars," which make women eager to have all they can of family life; partly in a kind of indifference; partly in the rigidly traditional Oriental background of over half of our population.

"In the Knesset, I'm not active in defence or foreign policy problems.

RETREAT ON THE FEMINIST FRONT

By HELGA DUDMAN / J.P. Reporter

My concern is education and social welfare. I — and some others in this country — believe that we must struggle for a better quality of life for our people. This is going to determine whether we will survive," Mrs. Namir, who makes an eloquent, rational, and always well-dressed speaker, told the visiting women of the unending worry of Israeli mothers for their children's future.

"This," she said, "is probably the most important thing we have in common with Arab women."

THE MEDIA came in for their share of criticism — advertising techniques and pressures, and the content of "women's pages" in the press. "Not

that I'm not interested in fashion and home-making — I am, very much so. Still — it does something to women..."

Murmurs from Israeli women reporters about "attempts to change the image of the women's pages." (If it comes to that — do the sports pages, so hotly followed by the keen, analytical male, indicate a higher level of being?) Ora Namir: "I believe that women should marry, should have children, should be women. But society must help them."

Women must be in political life as a pressure group for such practical programmes as day nurseries, and help to mothers with large families

and small budgets. These are, of course, neither dramatic nor sensational attractions for the media; still, the visiting journalists were clearly impressed by the statistics Mrs. Namir had at her fingertips — 92% of the country's day nurseries are run by women's organizations; some 10,000 "deprived" mothers enjoyed day camps this summer, again through a programme developed by women's organizations.

The difficulties here, said Mrs. Namir, are basically not legislative: "Our laws are probably more advanced than those of the United States or the United Kingdom, and perhaps not far from those of Scandinavia." Rather, the problems seemed to be of attitude, and of practical ways of encouraging women into the mainstream of life. "But then, even in Sweden there is a shortage of day nurseries, with places often available only for unwed mothers."

Swedish journalist: "Things aren't all that bad in Sweden!"

Outside, at the elevators, a blonde model who may or may not have a raised consciousness took a cigarette from a pack labelled "Eve — For Beautiful People."

"If our higher education network is to fit Israel's true size, I'm not sure we were right to open four medical schools, where it costs IL100,000 yearly to maintain one single student. I'm also not sure we can afford to take over the Open University after the Rothschild Foundation hands it over to the State. And I don't really think the universities can afford to admit so many freshmen students when the drop-out rate is as high as it is," ponders Katz.

He urges economizing, by universities sharing time on computers and other very costly equipment; by sharing expensive library books through a sort of "national clearing house for books"; and by awarding scholarships mostly to those departments whose student products the country needs.

Katz also urges the introduction of a tactical programme to allow elderly teachers to retire on pension early — with their full consent of course — in order to free posts for the bright young people who will have to maintain the national academic reputation in the next decade.

ECONOMICS of HIGHER EDUCATION One national campus

By ASHER WALLFISH / J.P. Knesset Reporter

"I know the various Senates are worried that by dismissing young teachers now they may be stultifying their growth in ten or fifteen years' time. Obviously they have to maintain a certain percentage of their staff as well as engage top teachers, even if only a handful. The others, who are redundant, will probably do good work in teachers' training colleges and high schools where they are needed."

"It should be possible to save money on the administrative side. Statistics show that Israel's universities have a higher ratio of administrative staff to teaching staff than in other countries. Around the

world you find 11 administrative employees to every 10 teaching employees. In Israel it's 13 to 10 — which shows there's something wrong."

Katz praises the efforts of the Council for Higher Education to implement economic reform: By setting the universities' overall budgets, demanding detailed financial reports, prohibiting the universities from increasing their deficits, and compelling them to plan ahead, the Council has cut waste. He believes that Council pressure on the Senates to see that professors fulfil their teaching obligations is already bearing fruit.



Murder on a bed of sugar. Anna Prucal and Pierre Clementi in 'Sweet Movie'.

AT THE CINEMA

A TALENT RUNS AMOK

Sweet Movie (Paris, Tel Aviv) is the second film of the avant garde director, Dusan Makavejev, to come here. The first was the award-winning "WR: Mysteries of the Organism," revolving round psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich and his linkage of Freud and Marx — sexual repression and political action.

Like the first film, this one is made in collage style, using fiction and actuality, eroticism and violence and delighting in the fantastic and the irrational. Such narrative as there is concerns the exploits of a "Marxist militant prostitute," called Captain Anna Planetia (Polish actress Anna Prucal) and of Miss World 1984 (Carole Laure). The former fatally stabs her lover, a sailor from the battleship "Potemkin" (Pierre Clementi), as they lie together on a bed of sugar; the latter is drowned in a cascade of chocolate while making a TV commercial. Mr. Makavejev is apparently implying that while the Communist world covers up its deadly intentions in a sugar-coated wrapping, the capitalist world chokes its consumer society to death in sickly

luxuries.

The film's promoters describe it as "a vibrant cinematographic essay on human sensuality" and the explicit sex scenes are certainly the major element in the picture. The scene arousing the most shocked reaction (the picture has been banned in several countries) is one in which Anna Planetia, more or less nude, attempts to seduce a number of small boys and one can only wonder how the children's parents permitted them to take part in such a manifestation.

Miss Laure actually brought a court action demanding the suppression of two shots — one "exposing to the public without her consent, the only intimate portion of her anatomy which remained to be exposed." The viewer will be hard put to discover what portion that is. Makavejev, said the Court, "cannot claim that his work would be gravely mutilated, since... this film has a sufficient number of scabrous scenes to satisfy fully the most demanding."

Some of the sex scenes do have crude humour such as when Miss World marries Mr. Capital (John

Vernon), a loud-mouthed millionaire, mad about personal cleanliness as advocated on American TV. But most of them are simply revolting.

The director is at times wilfully obscure, as when, for example, without explanation, he shows documentary footage from the Katyn Forest which depicts the discovery of hundreds of bodies of Polish officers, secretly executed by the Soviets in World War II prior to their "liberation" of Poland. This sequence is shocking in its impact and that, I suppose, is what the director wanted.

The film is imbued with enormous energy and does abound in ideas but after "WR" with its wit and subtleties and intellectual stimulation, "Sweet Movie" is disappointing and indicates that Makavejev's talents have run amok.

The film is a French-Canadian-German co-production (Makavejev has not been permitted to make films in Yugoslavia for some years) and the dialogue is mainly in English. S.W.

MUSIC REVIEWS / BENJAMIN RAB-AM

Understanding the wisdom of restraint

FEW CONDUCTORS are able to resist a temptation to exploit effects and concentrate solely on the intrinsic values of the music. One of the few is Igor Markevitch who, inspired by inner truth only, understands the wisdom of restraint. During the 13 years he has been absent from the I.P.O.'s rostrum, his movements seem to have become even more restrained, sparse and measured, his tempi even slower. But what might have been shortcomings in any other conductor serve him so well, that at his re-appearance with the I.P.O. (subscription concert No. 5, second programme, Tel-Aviv, Mann Auditorium, Jan. 31), he achieved an aesthetic harmony of the highest order.

Markevitch presented two works: Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony and Mussorgsky's "Pictures from an Exhibition." These very different works were both given the same, beautiful inner balance and sense of form.

THE "PICTURES" showed the same continuous flow and development as the symphony. Markevitch never overemphasized details (as many

other conductors do). Some tempi again seemed slightly too slow, especially in places as "The Tuller Garden," the "Dance of the Chickens" and "The Market Square of Limoges." But, once again, by some intrinsic device, an inner logic and a magnificent sense of proportion, Markevitch achieved surprisingly beautiful results. And again, as in the symphony, it was the climax of the finale which crowned the completeness and formal beauty of the work. Brass emerged with shining brilliance and the rhythmically extended theme achieved majestic breadth.

A monotony of mood and vocal colour

FOR HER FIRST recital here, Swiss mezzo-soprano Rita Berger-Fioroni, chose a fairly unconventional programme, (Tel Aviv, Museum, February 7). After opening with the almost inevitable Handel aria, she presented Schumann's rarely heard Maria Stuart songs; Mahler's Ruckert Lieder; six songs, including Trois Chansons de Bilitis, by Debussy, and, finally, eight songs from a cycle by the contemporary Swiss composer Othmar Schoeck.

Unfortunately, the first part of the recital suffered from a monotony of mood and vocal colour as well as a

lack of musical feeling and imagination, which left most of the songs without appeal. However the second part was a great improvement. Miss Berger-Fioroni's voice acquired a pleasant mellowness and revealed an unexpected modulatory quality, which gave the Debussy songs the right vocal timbre and brought out their strong sensuality. In the Schoeck songs, too, the singer seemed more on her home ground. Although Schoeck died only in 1957 his compositions are marked by a 19th century romanticism and his songs lean considerably on Strauss,

even Wagner. However they are pleasantly inventive, providing contrasts and atmosphere and Miss Berger — Fioroni gave them quite a convincing rendition, characterizing moods and content vividly and changing vocal colour accordingly.

The singer's partner at the keyboard was Yonathan Zak and, though reliable as usual, not all of his potential seemed to surface. Undoubtedly the singer's stiffness in the first part had a discouraging effect on him, but in the second half of the recital, his performance underwent a marked change, too.

BRIDGE BOOK REVIEW / GEORGE LEVINREW

A revolutionary bidding system

WIN WITH ROMEX by Dr. George Rosenkranz, published by Crown Publishers, 419 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y., 10016, 402 pp., \$9.95.

Romex is a new revolutionary bidding system created by Dr. George Rosenkranz of Mexico. It was used last May to overcome the Lancia team of Omar Sharif and four members of the Italian world championship team including Belladonna and Garozzo. It also helped the creator and his team win the 1975 Vanderbilt Cup, a top annual blue

ribbon American bridge tournament.

The Romex system lies between the two club systems where the two club opening bid is a strong bid, and the one club systems, where the opening one club bid is forcing. Romex has given new meaning to opening bids of one no trump and two diamonds.

The one no-trump opening departs from the traditional use of one no trump. It means either 21-22 high card points in a balanced hand, or 19-

21 high card points in an unbalanced hand. The two diamond opening requires 19-20 high card points and thus fills the gap between the range for minimum openings and strong hands.

Romex is a completely integrated system and presents many modifications of standard practice. It has, for example, a superlative array of asking bids which seem to me to be superior to those developed by Precision.

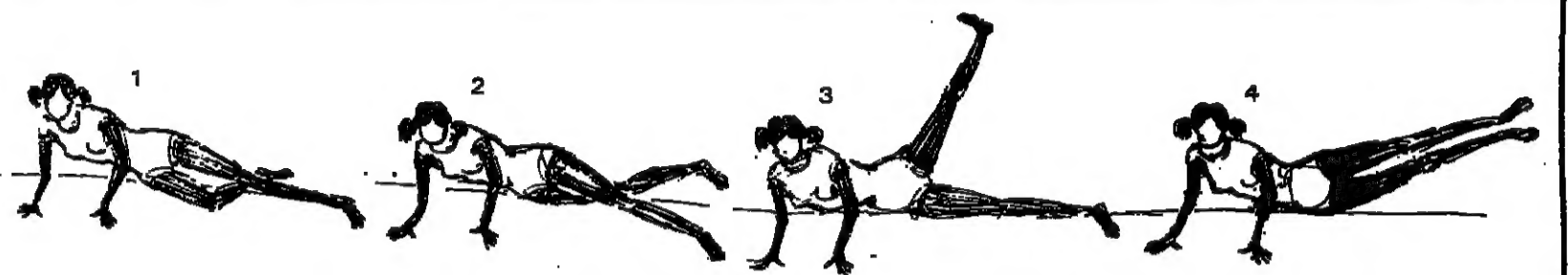


FIGURE IT OUT / Judie Oron

Against secretary's spread

relaxed. Raise your upper leg slightly, and begin a bicycle motion with your lower leg (the upper leg remains straight). Shift your body so that the motion affects the most padded area of your leg. If you are hitting bone, you don't have enough fat to qualify for this exercise, so sit this one out, and begin with exercise 2. Repeat the bicycle motion ten times, then shift to the other side. Increase gradually to 25 cycles on each leg.

2. Remain lying in the same position as in exercise 1. Keeping both legs straight and slightly tensed, do a

scissors kick with both legs, adjusting your position in order to massage the heaviest part of the leg. Repeat the scissors kick ten times on each leg, increasing gradually to 25 times.

3. Still lying on your side, raise your upper leg as far as you can, with your toes pointing upward as far as possible. Hold this position for the count of 5. Lower your leg briefly (to the count of 2), and then raise it again. Repeat this exercise five times, then change to the other side. Gradually increase to 15 times on each side.

4. Change to a sitting position, keeping your legs straight in front of you. Roll over onto your left side, supporting yourself with both hands in front of you, and — here's the hard part — keeping your legs slightly off the floor, so that your full weight is on the outside of the thighs. Roll over onto your right side, using your hands again in front of you to support you and never allowing your legs (from the knee down) to touch the floor. Repeat five times, increasing gradually to 10 times. These are four very difficult exercises, so don't be discouraged if the first try leaves you puffing. Keep at it faithfully every day. This is a very stubborn area and only very hard work will produce results (or, should I have said, bear fruit — preferably not pears)....

The suffering of the war injured

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER TEL AVIV. — Israel has probably the world's best rehabilitation system for war invalids, but the injured man's suffering is something which

This statement came from Yaakov Doron, who was blinded in the War of Independence and now edits a bulletin published by El Al. He met the press here last week on the occasion of the publication of his autobiography "To See in the Dark."

"The war of rehabilitation is a much harder and more protracted process than war itself," said Doron, but the public does not realize this. "It is a fact that parking places reserved for war invalids are usually filled by normal drivers," he noted. "If my book helps to bring the invalid's problem to public attention, I'll be satisfied."

After the Yom Kippur War, Mr. Doron toured hospitals in search of blinded men and talked to them, assuring them that life was worthwhile and could be productive even without sight.

Transplanting muscles

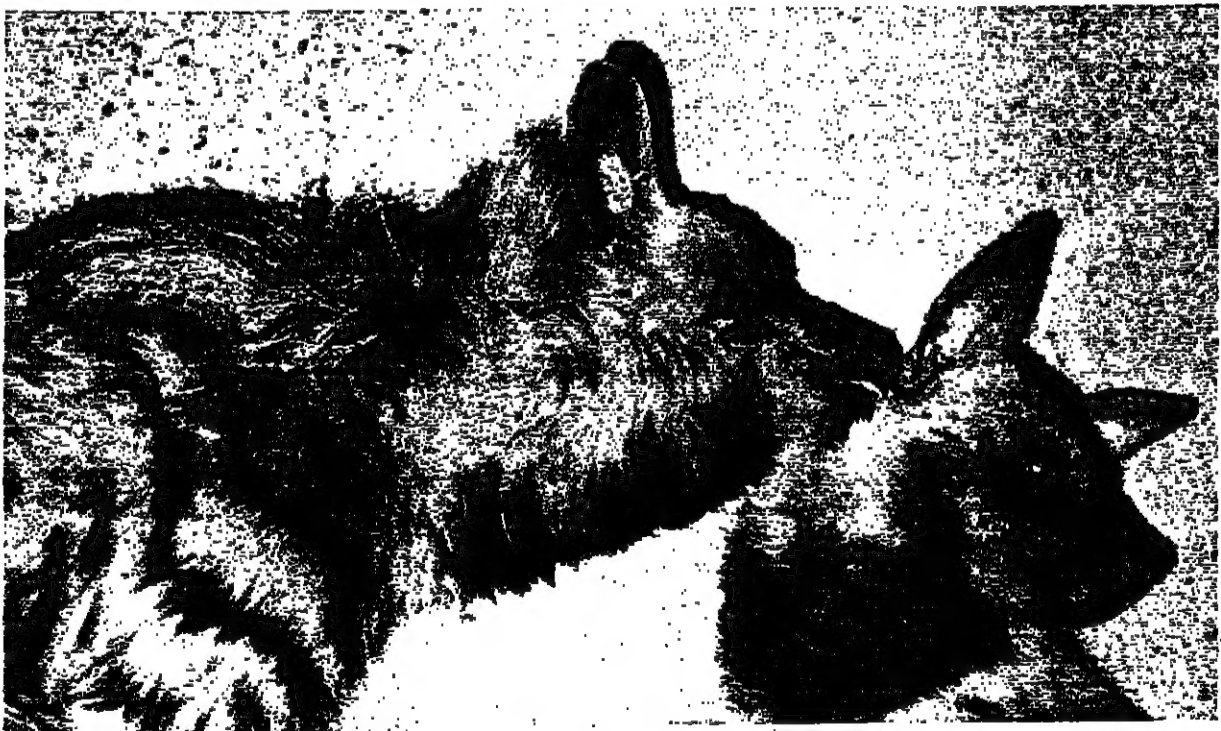
TOKYO. — Chinese surgeons replaced the injured muscle in a worker's left forearm with a muscle transplanted from his abdomen, restoring the use of the forearm, a Peking broadcast said last week. The official Hsinhua News Agency described the operation as "A breakthrough in medical science that would be of value to many."

Hsinhua said welder Li Hing-Pin's muscle was ruined when broken bones in his forearm were improperly set in June 1972.

In a 10-hour operation on July 21, 1973, it said, a team under Dr. Chen Chung-Wei at Shanghai No. 6 People's Hospital removed the dead muscle and replaced it with the abdominal part of the pectoralis major muscle.

Li said Li was kept under herbal anesthesia for the operation, in which surgeons used a microscope and nylon thread one-third the diameter of a hair to join blood vessels and nerves. Li was discharged three months later and his fingers could be bent and extended after six months, Hsinhua reported.

Li returned to his job in a country farm machinery plant in Sinkiang in April 1974, and now is able to use his left hand to operate a diesel engine or lift up to five kilos. (AP)



PRE-ALIYA ROMANCE. — These two striped hyenas, shown in an amorous mood, will arrive at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo from Chicago's Brookfield Zoo in April. At present the Biblical Zoo has only two female hyenas, one of which was captured live in the Jerusalem hills five years ago. The Biblical Zoo hopes that the Chicago couple will do their bit to increase the hyena population.

Histadrut—General Federation of Labour
General Federation of Working, Studying Youth

TRADES SECTION — CENTRAL DISTRICT

The 13th Council of the Trades Section will meet tomorrow, Friday, February 13, 1976, in the Judean Hills Recreation Centre, Jerusalem, to discuss the ideological direction the section should take.

The proceedings will start at 10.30 a.m. in Mitchell Hall, Rehov Straus, Jerusalem, in the presence of the President, EPHRAIM KATZIR.

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Arabs threaten to divert their business from U.S.

By PAUL LEWIS
WASHINGTON.

SAUDI ARABIAN Government is becoming increasingly annoyed over what it sees as a growing anti-Arab mood in the U.S. Administration and Congress. It has threatened that it may start giving American companies preference over non-Arab companies in its business dealings in the West.

The warning has been relayed through diplomatic channels to Washington and made explicit by prominent Saudi Arabians to visiting Americans in the last few weeks. Government of Kuwait is reported to be in a similar frame of mind.

The Saudi Arabians are annoyed at the efforts of the Ford Administration and Congress to make it more difficult for American companies to do business with the Arab world, as well as efforts to reveal the full extent of the Arab oil exporters' growing market share in the United States. Gainers are likely to come to a halt at the next meeting of the U.S.-Saudi economic commission in Riyadh early next month. American Jewish Congress is making a court injunction to stop Secretary William Simon from attending the meeting because of Saudi discrimination against Jews.

Last December, President Ford signed a number of executive orders aimed at reducing compliance with Arab boycott by American companies and institutions. And legislation making this illegal is expected to pass into law later this year.

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Where have all the potatoes gone?

By GREGORY JENSEN

LONDON. — The thief before the bar of justice had stolen something very precious, and the judge was stern.

"Potatoes might be compared with Jewellery these days," lectured Magistrate Mark Roper.

"Due to the price of potatoes, this offence of stealing them has become prevalent. A fine must be imposed to deter people like you." And he slapped a £100 (about IL4,500) fine upon Andrew Carlin, potato thief.

Why on earth would anyone want to steal potatoes?

Why is Dennis Bradley, who normally guards payrolls and gold bullion, standing nightly guard with his gun and frisco, his fierce Alsatian, on 200 tons of potatoes in an English farmer's barn?

Why has Norman Higgins, who owns a North-of-England cafe, offered his £2,500 speedboat as a swap for 7.5 tons of spuds?

Because there's an aching hunger for potatoes in half of Europe, that's why.

Prices are sky-high. Common Market ministers wring their hands and some very complicated double shuffling is going on.

A United Press International survey of the great potato famine uncovered one note of cheer for those who, like the British, demand chips with everything. Go East, young man, go East, or South.

There's no potato problem in Poland or Russia, in Italy or Greece, in Austria and Switzerland.

Spain has fritos in plenty, but potatoes in neighbouring Portugal doubled in price almost overnight. Finland mashes merrily away, but

imports and prices in next-door Sweden and Denmark are zooming.

As in so many things European these days, Britain is worst off.

English housewives are paying 25 cents a pound for the lowly spud. Stocks on hand — a third of normal — will be gone by April. Grocers say the price will be 45 cents a pound by then.

Potatoes are almost as expensive in Germany, Italy and Yugoslavia, and even worse in Denmark, the ECU survey showed. Only government subsidies, price ceilings and extra imports have peeled the price in Belgium, Sweden and Portugal.

The root of the potato problem grew in 1974. There was a great crop that year, so prices took a nosedive.

Naturally farmers planted fewer spuds in 1975. Then came a hot, dry summer. Germany's crop, a third of the Common Market's potatoes, was down a quarter, Yugoslavia's down by 50 per cent. Europe's generally by 25 per cent.

Following the law of supply and demand, prices therefore went wild. Government after government tried to slap a lid on them. Some results were almost comic. Take Belgium.

Belgium claims to have invented French fries. It serves them with everything. It sells them in paper cups in tiny "friture" shops which sell nothing else.

Thus potatoes loom large in the cost of living index. Trying to keep

that index down, the government slapped on a ceiling price of 11 cents a pound on potatoes. Two things happened.

One, Belgian growers stopped selling potatoes in Belgium. Two, they shipped them by the ton across the border to Holland, where prices are higher.

Holland, meanwhile, merrily shipped its own spuds all over the place — about 100,000 tons to Sweden, what a Danish official called "very large amounts" to Denmark, 172,500 tons to Britain so far this winter.

Finland rushed into the Belgian friture gap with 147 tons of spuds, though a Finnish official pleaded, "please don't tell everybody we have so many potatoes or we'll be swamped with requests." Belgium raised its ceiling price.

Common Market bureaucrats, spotting a vacuum, acted fast. Potatoes are the only major farm crop not covered by a Common Market policy, so they promptly proposed one — a Potato Common Market, complete with quality norms for three types of tuber.

Ministers tried to scrap import duties on potatoes from North Africa, France and Italy blocked that to boost prices for their early spring crops.

But tariffs were lifted on old potatoes from Poland. Poland, however, was hit like everyone else by the 1975 drought.

So school children in Lincolnshire, England's main potato area, are getting potatoes with only two school meals a week instead of five. They're getting curries and rice instead, and according to one spokesman "they seem to like the alternatives." (UPI)

IL AVIV STOCKS:

Devaluation made no mark

Jerusalem Post Reporter
L AVIV. — The latest mini-devaluation failed to cause even a ripple in the Tel Aviv financial market yesterday — neither the legal stock market, nor the illegal one in Lilienblum Street.

The Nafat dollar remained stable at IL2.37. There was a demand for \$80,000, but \$331,000 was picked up for the black market dollar, it is said at about IL10 among dealers with sellers getting IL9.80 and buyers paying IL10.20. Dollar cheques were IL5.50, but some dealers were willing to pay IL5.4. A kilogram gold was IL46,000; a sovereign, 50; and a Krugger rand was \$90.

In the past, the Bank of Israel continued to pour in millions of the payer's money to buy back indexed bonds which are being jettisoned due to the new financial regulations.

The turnover in bonds was IL25.87m., but a considerable part of this turnover — which is unusually high — was due to the fact that two of the country's largest banks began trading between themselves bonds purchased in foreign currency.

One bank sold huge quantities of industrial development bonds (which have a yield of 2 to 2.3 per cent net at redemption) to the other bank — and the other sold Hahis (with a yield of 1.6 per cent net at redemption) to the first bank.

Financial circles gave no explanation for this deal.

Stocks were dull. The turnover was IL1.77m.; of this, IL205,000 was in the variables.

The General Index of Share Prices fell by 0.05 per cent to stand at 123.02.

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Gov't asked to approve loan guarantees

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday asked the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a government guarantee for a IL50m. loan to Israel Chemicals, to cover losses at the Timna copper mines.

The loan will be given by Bank Hapoalim (IL21m.), Bank Hamizrahi (IL15m.) and Bank Leumi (IL14m.).

The guarantees requested would also include linkage insurance.

The minister also asked the committee to grant similar terms to another IO plant — Kaviel Zion, in Eilat. This is a plant which will produce copper pipes and cables and will employ about 40 workers. The plant is expected to begin production this year.

The minister also requested the approval of a government guarantee for a IL15m. loan to Australian Wood Industries Ltd. This firm has liquidity difficulties resulting from a decline in demand after the 1973 war. Bank Leumi has agreed to grant the loan if the government guarantees it. In case of bankruptcy, the government will receive the first 20 per cent of the liquidation.

Shrimp boom

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The lowly shrimp, though absolutely trash, has turned out to be one of Israel's fastest growing export items. During 1975 a total of 50 tons were shipped to Italy by the Fishermen's Union, and brought in \$280,000, almost double the \$150,000 earned in 1974.

Union secretary Dov Schmiedel told The Jerusalem Post that the higher income was almost completely due to higher prices, with shrimps fetching between \$5.50 to \$6 per kilo, while the total amount shipped remained almost the same.

The shrimps are sent frozen in refrigeration ships or by air freight, and the Union has an open-ended order from an Italian importer for any amount it can supply.

As shrimping has now become so profitable, fishermen are investing heavily in modern equipment that will enable them to raise their catches considerably once the new season starts in spring.

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Avis branch claims No. 1 spot

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — According to Avis, by "trying harder," they are now Number One in the rent-a-car business in Israel. But Hertz is not conceding the number one spot just yet.

Ezer's general manager for Israel, Rudi Hertz, told The Jerusalem Post his firm is still the leader in the field. But he was not willing to disclose any figures, claiming that he did not want to help his competitors.

On the other hand, Shimon Danai, the branch general manager of Avis, said Avis was now Number One in several important aspects: first, his firm has more cars (650 now, rising to 800) the summer. Of this, 100 are commercial vans. Avis has the most branches in the country — 17 branches. And Avis leads in revenue, although Mr. Danai was not willing to reveal how much the company had earned last year.

He did say that Avis is continuing to grow, despite the tourism slump.

He said Avis is still working hard to increase sales among Israelis, as well as among tourists. One plan is to offer a honeymoon scheme for newlyweds. Also, Avis is continuing to promote its "city and drive plan" with Arbia, by which persons would fly in one direction with Arbia and come back by an Avis rented car.

One of the main problems in the industry is theft — of a complete car, or of parts, including spare tires which are today worth IL700. Road accidents are another major problem.

Avis here will play host at the end of March to an international meeting of Avis general managers. The meeting, which will last four days, will bring Avis's top 80 executives to Israel.

In May, there will be another Avis meeting in Israel of all the European sales managers.

also went up, by 68 per cent to IL55.6 million, and the bank reported a big rise in the credit extended by the funds it administers jointly with the Government to support local authorities, development plans in the Arab villages.

Deposits went up by 53.5 per cent to IL53.5m. which included IL58.3m. in the bank's saving schemes, which increased by 158 per cent over 1974. The credit extended by the bank

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FOR 11.2.76

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French Fr. 1.63836 1.65675

Dutch Fl. 2.75873 2.77966

DM 2.86992 2.89810

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DM 2.5458/53 per \$

Swiss Fr. 2.5695/10 per \$

Lira 754/755 1/4 per \$

Belgian Fr. 39.18/14 1/4 per \$

Dutch Fl. 2.6565/80 per \$

Yen 300.35/65 per \$

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The Jerusalem Post

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IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS HIGH COURT

Before the President (Justice Agron) Justices Wilton and Shamgar.

Noah Film Company, Petitioners, v. Film Censorship Board, Respondents (H.C. 549/75)

Public pressure on censorship board

NIGHT PORTER — PART III

Justice Shamgar

In concurring that the order nisi should be made absolute, Justice Shamgar said that he did so on the grounds of the procedural shortcomings in the respondents' decision only. For, he continued, although the respondents did have the right, under section 18(1) of the Interpretation of Ordinance and section 7 of the Cinematograph Films Ordinance, to revoke their decision to authorize the showing of the film in question, it is one of the great rules of law that an authority which decides to withdraw a licence which it has already granted, must first give the licence-holder an opportunity of stating his case. Not only is this demanded by natural justice, but it also has its practical side: it enables the competent authority to receive advance notice of the possible harm which its decision to revoke a licence can cause the licence-holder. Because, Justice Shamgar continued, the respondents had not given the petitioners an opportunity of stating their case before deciding to withdraw the authorization given four months previously, their decision was invalid.

In conclusion Justice Shamgar noted that at least part of the later deliberations of the Board could have been avoided if the general practice and procedure followed by the Board were improved. For it would appear, he said, that the results of the routine viewing of films by sub-committees, which is allowed for in the rules made for the implementation of the Cinematograph Films Ordinance, are summed up, in short, in writing, and the reports entered into the relevant files placed before the Board at their regular meetings. This means, he continued, that only those members of the Board who actually study the files know what conclusions the sub-committees have reached, as those committees are not in the habit of reporting on their conclusions verbally to the Board. This practice, he concluded, was not satisfactory, as it could be justifiably presumed that the maker of the rules had intended the opinions of the sub-committees to be brought to the attention of the Board in a more positive manner than by merely filing them in the appropriate files.

The President, too, concurred that the order nisi should be made absolute on the grounds of the procedural shortcomings in the Board's decision to reverse its original authorization of the film. The rule that a person who is about to be deprived of a licence should first be given the opportunity of stating his case is, he said, intended to ensure that the competent authority act with fairness towards the permit-holder by taking account, in so far as possible, of all the facts and circumstances. This is especially necessary, he continued, where revocation of a licence causes deprivation of livelihood or serious pecuniary loss — as could have happened in the present case.

However, he continued, when an administrative authority takes a decision without having given the aggrieved party an opportunity to state his case, there is nothing against that authority's deciding to revoke the licence, and to reconsider its decision after having cured its omission. But in order that there should be room for such a course, and particularly when it concerns the revocation of a licence, it should be clear that reconsideration of a decision to revoke should not be manifestly worthless, but that it should have a reasonable chance of being objective. In other words, the aggrieved citizen who presents his case to the authority should not be in a worse position than he would have been if he had been given the opportunity to present his case the first time — and this condition would not have been fulfilled in the present case, if the petitioners had, in fact, taken advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the respondents to state their case after the latter had already decided to revoke the authorization given to their film.

For not only would it have been impossible to compensate the petitioners for the financial losses they would have incurred, but an examination of the minutes of the meeting of the Board, at which the decision to revoke the authorization of the film in question was taken, shows that the members of the Board were sorely troubled by the problems involved and that in reaching their new decision they had tacitly admitted to having made an erroneous evaluation of the film originally. Although, he continued, there was nothing in itself wrong in such an admission, at the same time there could be very little doubt that the chances of the respondents changing their minds again, upon further consideration of the matter, and admitting that they had made yet another mistake, were very slim, if not non-existent. There had, therefore, been no point in reconsidering the matter and nothing could have been expected to come out of it.

For the above reasons, therefore, the order nisi should be made absolute, held the President; and he added a comment to the effect that the procedure for bringing decisions of the sub-committees to the notice of the full Board should be made more effective.

Order nisi made absolute with IL1,000 costs.

Decision given on January 13, 1976.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

A SHORTAGE of large apartments suitable for families from overseas is expected by the end of this year, according to Simha Ben-Shaul, managing director of Israel, Israel homes and Real Estate Ltd. Ben-Shaul said the effects of the building freeze on larger apartments and homes instituted by the Government in 1974 is now being felt in the new home market throughout Israel. The Israel executive said the building industry here was still holding the line on new apartment costs despite inflation and continuing currencies devaluations.

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The Government therefore has moved promptly to help Guatemala by despatching foods, medical supplies, and tents and blankets to that stricken country by air. It is to be hoped that despite the difficulties in distribution, caused by the breakdown in communications, and especially by the destruction of many roads, Israel's aid will bring relief to as many of the needy as possible.



King Hussein's claim to represent the Arabs of the West Bank is a new bone of contention in the Arab world. In this situation it is more than ever vital for Israel not to rely on a policy of 'wait and see,' but to do everything possible to encourage the moderate forces in the Arab camp."

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"He appears to have confirmed some of Evans and Novak's most vicious allegations," another Jewish professional said, referring to the recent spate of charges made by the anti-Israel syndicated columnists. Evans and Novak have written

In Italy the hospital system has reached a stage of disintegration for

hardly used. Except for Rabin's address before the Congress, most of his speeches were ad-libbed, and for the most part, they were unsuccessful. Most of the 700 luncheon guests and

Supporters of this system argue that all the sick funds will be expected to offer the same "backbone"

"budget." At least half the Board members will be representatives of the sick funds, who can handle the

Another problem was that Rabin's schedule was over-booked. The Prime Minister, as a result, had very

say there is something wrong in Israeli relations, they will be accused of being anti-Israel.

general of the Health Ministry is an associate professor of Medical Economics at the Hebrew University.

ly. **DEENA LEVINE.**
Berkeley, California, January 16.

ISRAEL BRANKEN (17), of Plot 4, De Deur, Transvaal, South Africa, would like to correspond with Israelis between the ages of 17 and 20.

DASHOK KUMAR of 139 Subash Nayar, Indore 452003 (M.P.), India,

Health Services of our Ministry, informs me that the methods your correspondent refers to are known to him, but have not proven useful.

DVOEA GANANI, Spokesman
Jerusalem, February 2.

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— by Susan Howatch
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